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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Congratulations to MLW's 2012 Woman Of the Year, Justice Marilyn Kelly

"To her many honors, Justice Marilyn Kelly can now add a new tribute -- designation by Michigan Lawyers Weekly as the 2012 Woman of the Year. Congratulations to Justice Kelly and the 19 distinguished honorees."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

JUSTICE MARILYN KELLY NAMED "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" BY MICHIGAN LAWYERS WEEKLY

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Mandating state workers pay 4 percent for pensions unconstitutional, judge rules

"An Ingham County judge has found a 2011 law forcing veteran state workers to pay 4 percent of their salary to maintain their pension is unconstitutional. In a 12-page decision released Friday, Ingham County Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk said Public Act 264 violates the Michigan Civil Service Commission's constitutional authority to set pay and benefits for state workers."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Judge strikes down law affecting long-term state employees' pensions

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Muslim man sues over order to remove headdress in court; He claims Dearborn court guards violated his religious rights

"Everywhere Khalil Fareed goes, he wears a kufi, a religious headdress that reflects his Muslim faith. In May, as he appeared as a witness in 36th District Court, Fareed said two security officers told him he would have to remove the garment or leave."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Muslim sues over having to remove headwear (fifth article)

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Man claiming court security told him to remove kufi suing

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Muslim man files lawsuit over removal of religious cap in Detroit courtroom

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Michigan senators draft new EM law if voters approve repeal

"... The legislative tinkering is the latest twist in the battle over the law that went all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court last month. The state's highest court ruled a union-backed referendum to repeal the law can go on the ballot in November."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Lawsuit says no emergency managers are legal in state

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: State confident old emergency financial manager law is alive despite lawsuit claiming it 'is dead'

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Group opposed to emergency managers files lawsuit

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: Lawsuit Says No Emergency Managers Until After The Election

[Full story](#)

City Pulse/Lansing: 9/26/12 Radio Show

Among this week's guests are Michigan Supreme Court candidate Bridget Mary McCormack (see 24:42-35:40 minute mark).

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Probate judge hopefuls lean on experience (with video)

"Experience and protecting children and families were the messages both candidates seeking the Livingston County probate bench highlighted during a forum Thursday at Cleary University in Genoa Township. Lori Marran, a Friend of the Court referee, touted her 'wealth of experience.'... Assistant Prosecutor Miriam Cavanaugh said her 'unique experience both inside the courtroom and outside the courtroom' made her the better choice."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Daily Press & Argus: Livingston County Probate Court hopeful Marran: Residency is 'not a secret'

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Landowners frustrated by Enbridge; county official says 'public relations' issue is clear

"In the past two years, Amy Moran-Nash and Rob Nash have lost three offers on their home, awoken to machinery within feet of their front door and witnessed severe damage done to mature trees on their Oceola Township property. The couple blame all of the above on Enbridge Energy LP and said they haven't received a dime for the damage or inconvenience resulting from the company's pipeline work."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Applications procedure for bail bondsmen (third article)

"Pursuant to MCLA 750.167(b), the Judges of the Circuit Court are to annually compile and maintain an up-to-date list of the names of persons engaged in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: 'Justice rolls down like waters'; Courthouse roof needs replaced

" 'Let justice roll down like waters,' the Old Testament prophet said. This isn't what he meant. Off and on for more than a month, the ceiling of Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge Timothy G. Hicks' courtroom has been leaking big, fairly rapid drops of brown water. Hicks's courtroom is on the top floor of the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Ten honored as Marable Senior Citizens of the month

"Flint 68th District Judge Herman Marable, Jr. announced that ten senior citizens this year have been awarded Herman Sr. & Iris B. Marable Senior Citizen of the Month Awards in 2012."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: John S. Beagle Scholarship awarded

"The Genesee County Bar Foundation scholarship committee has selected Mark Morgan as its 2012 recipient of the John S. Beagle Scholarship. The scholarship will be bestowed during the Barkey Family Tribute on Thursday, October 4, 2012, at the Flint Golf Club."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman wants DNA tests to prove paternity

"Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman wants DNA testing to determine whether he is the father of two children born out of wedlock. And he wants the results of that paternity testing sealed from public view. But the Flint attorney suing the judge for more than \$4 million in child support and other damages says not so fast."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: 20 new cameras part of \$199,000 Genesee County Courthouse work

"Johnson Controls will supply and install 20 new cameras in and around the county courthouse, in an effort to shore up security at the historic building. The county Board of Commissioners on Wednesday approved a \$199,000 contract with the company -- a deal that includes a new security card system for employees."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Genesee Towers: Five things to know about the lawsuit and judgment

"... Appeals Exhausted: The city of Flint won an appeal of the arbitrator's decision, but that victory was short-lived after the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the arbitrator's decision. The city then appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, which ultimately declined to hear the case in 2010 -- meaning the arbitrator's ruling that awarded [V. Kumar] Vemulapalli about \$6 million plus interest would stand."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Grand Rapids lawyer: Medical marijuana providers targeted, not protected by Michigan law

"In a medical marijuana case before the state Supreme Court, Grand Rapids attorney Bruce Block said the law, rather than offering protection to responsible users and growers, has instead put them at risk of arrest."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Embezzler's forged letter to judge pushes prison time for \$122,000 theft, deception to 3 years

"Already sentenced to 27 months in prison for stealing from her employer, a Charlotte woman had another 10 months tacked on today for submitting a fake letter of support to a federal judge. The government says Lori Knechtel 'forged' a glowing letter of recommendation for the judge to consider at her earlier sentencing."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Walker boy is one of youngest ever charged with murder in Kent County

"A 14-year-old Walker boy now charged in the shooting death of his sister's boyfriend is among the youngest ever charged with murder in Kent County. The only younger suspect was 13-year-old Keishawn Mann, who shot his mother's boyfriend to death in January 2010 at the family's home in Kentwood."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Actor Martin Sheen, drug treatment experts 'Coming Together' to heal community (Viewpoint)

Judge William Schma and Sally Reames write "Most of us probably know someone who is caught in the tangled web of substance dependence - alcohol, prescription medications, methamphetamine, heroin or cocaine abuse. We struggle to understand how anyone could become so embroiled in something so physically and emotionally destructive and financially devastating."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Kathleen Brickley approaches the bench with wisdom, scholarship (Letter)

Kalamazoo Circuit Judge Gary C. Giguere, Jr. writes "I first met Kathy Brickley when I was a young prosecutor and she was a defense attorney. She was a formidable opponent who was ethical and worked hard for her clients. Years later, after I took the bench it soon became clear that Brickley was one of those few lawyers judges love to see in court: the kind who are bright, articulate, and can spot the crux of the issues quickly."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: 'First Amendment in the Digital Age'

"The Oakland County Bar Association's Diversity in the Legal Profession Committee and Thomas M. Cooley Law School conducted a panel discussion titled 'The First Amendment in the Digital Age: What Will Free Speech and Free Press Mean in a Minority-Majority Era?' on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Cooley's Auburn Hills campus. The school celebrated Constitution Day and Patriot Week at its four Michigan campuses this month."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: ELECTION 2012: Voters to choose new Supreme Court justices, members of local boards and councils

"Here's the list of contested nonpartisan races on this November's ballot. An (I) designates an incumbent."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: 40- to 60-year sentence upheld for man convicted in 2001 murder solicitation

"A former Akron man convicted in a 2001 murder for hire plot will spend 40 to 60 years in prison with a sentence upheld by retired Saginaw County Circuit Judge Lynda L. Heathscott Thursday.... After the state Supreme Court upheld [Tod] Houthoofd's conviction in 2010, the state Court of Appeals, at direction of the Supreme Court, re-examined Heathscott's original sentence. The appellate court remanded the case

back to Saginaw County Circuit Court because Heathscott did not provide 'substantial and compelling reasons' to depart from state sentencing guidelines."

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